

REMARKS

Claim 10 has been amended. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 1-13 and 15-27 remain in the application. This amendment is being made and not 5 earlier presented in order to place the claims in condition for allowance. Further examination and reconsideration of the application in light of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In Section 2 of the Final Action, the Examiner rejected claims 10-13 under 10 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Childers, et al. (6,729,734). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons previously stated. However, to prevent a long and costly appeal and to speed the granting of the allowed claims Applicant has amended claim 10 to include the limitations of claim 14, on which it depended, which was objected to but indicated as allowable in Section 4 of the 15 Final Action if placed in independent form. Accordingly, claim 10, as amended, is now believed in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance on claim 14. Claim 14 has been accordingly cancelled. In view of these actions, withdrawal of this rejection under 35 USC 102(e) and the allowance of claims 10-13 is respectfully requested.

20 In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-9 and 15-27 were allowed. Applicant wishes to again thank the Examiner for this indication of allowance. Claims 1-9 and 15-27 are thus believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

25 In summary, claims 1-13 and 15-27 are deemed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a 30 condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefore.

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